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SBS Holdings, Inc.

SBS Group Holds 9th Driver Contest

- SBS FlecNet Achieves First-Ever Back-to-Back Wins in Both Categories -

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SBS Group (Head Office: Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo; President: Masahiko Kamata) held the 9th SBS Group Driver Contest on Saturday, November 14, at SBS Driving School Anesaki, operated by SBS Driving School Co., Ltd. (Head Office: Inage-ku, Chiba City, Chiba Prefecture; President: Masaaki Oto). A total of 34 drivers selected from SBS Group companies across Japan competed in the contest, demonstrating their knowledge and skills with a strong focus on safe driving.

■ Positioning of the Driver Contest within the SBS Group

The SBS Group has held its Driver Contest since 2016 as part of its efforts to realize a society and logistics operations free from accidents. The contest is designed to improve the knowledge and skills necessary for accident-free and safe driving.

■ Participants and Competition Format



This year's ninth contest brought together 34 drivers selected from SBS Group companies nationwide, with 17 competing in the 1.5-ton category and 17 in the 4-ton category. Including supporters and other participants, a total of 242 people attended the event. Competitors were evaluated on their commitment to safe and accident-free driving through three disciplines: a written examination, practical driving skills, and vehicle inspection.

■ Results



[4-ton Category] (Photo, from left: Takayuki Okada, Hiromi Hasegawa, and Kenta Nishimori)
Winner: Hiromi Hasegawa, Kitami Office, SBS FlecNet Co., Ltd.
Runner-up: Takayuki Okada, Kumagaya Branch, SBS Zentsu Co., Ltd.
Third Place: Kenta Nishimori, Shiga Office, Kyokushin Unyu Kaihatsu Co., Ltd.



[1.5-ton Category] (Photo, from left: Ryo Yanagisawa, Ken Watanabe, and Kazuhiro Ando)
Winner: Ken Watanabe, Hino Office, SBS FlecNet Co., Ltd.
Runner-up: Kazuhiro Ando, Higashi-Ogishima Branch, SBS Logicom Kanto Co., Ltd.
Third Place: Ryo Yanagisawa, Sales Management Division, SBS Sokuhai Support Co., Ltd.

SBS FlecNet won both categories for the second consecutive year, becoming the first company in the history of the contest to achieve back-to-back victories in both categories. Hasegawa, winner of the 4-ton category, commented, “I hope to use this experience to further raise safety awareness throughout the SBS Group and help eliminate accidents.” Watanabe, winner of the 1.5-ton category, said, “I was able to win thanks to the great workplace and team members I am fortunate to work with.”

■ Comment from SBS Group President Masahiko Kamata



“It is a remarkable achievement for SBS FlecNet to win both categories for the second consecutive year, and I hope other Group companies will follow their example. SBS FlecNet reserves a practice course and holds its own internal qualifying rounds, and I encourage other companies to learn from these efforts. The ultimate purpose of this contest is to eliminate accidents. I hope everyone will take what they have learned today and share it throughout the Group. Reducing accidents leads to better business performance, and companies with strong performance tend to have fewer accidents. From next year, Mitsubishi Chemical Logistics, which handles hazardous materials, will also join us as a member of the SBS Group. From an outside perspective, the SBS Group is seen as a single company. We must therefore continue to raise safety and quality standards across the entire Group to the level required for handling hazardous materials.”

■ Reference
<Overview of the SBS Group>
Holding company: SBS Holdings, Inc. (SBS Group's holding company)
Established: December 1987
Representative: President and Representative Director Masahiko Kamata
Exchange: The Prime Market of the Tokyo Stock Exchange (Securities Code: 2384)
Head Office: 8-17-1 Nishi-Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo, Sumitomo Realty & Development Shinjuku Grand Tower 25th floor
Capital: 3.9 billion yen
Sales: 490.3 billion yen (Consolidated basis, the Fiscal Year Ended December 2025)
Number of employees: 26,316 (including 10,315 full-time employees, consolidated basis)
Business content: Since its foundation in 1987, the SBS Group has contributed to the creation of profit for customers by providing one-stop logistics services through the enhancement of logistics services and services associated with logistics. The Group has companies that handle a variety of products ranging from food to ultra-heavy goods, companies that can respond to a variety of delivery types including routes, areas and same-day delivery, and companies that specialize in logistics facility development and environmental logistics.

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